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SUBJ: IRAN/SHARJAH TALKS

1. HAMID JAFAR, PRESIDENT OF CRESCENT PETROLEUM, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME OF U.S. SHAREHOLDERS IN MOBARRAK FIELD CONCESSION VISITED EMBASSY LAST WEEK. THEY WERE ACCOMPANYING SHARJAH DELEGATION THAT HAD COME TO DISCUSS MOBARRAK OPERATIONS AND FISCAL MATTERS WITH NIOC. JAFAR AND COMPANY ROLE WAS LIMITED TO PRESENTING AND EXPLAINING THE FIGURES AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM. JAFAR EMPHASIZED COMPANIES' RELATIONS ARE WITH SHARJAH GOVERNMENT, WHILE LATTER DEALS WITH NIOC.

2. IF EMBASSY ABU DHABI HAS CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE TALKS WITH JAFAR OF SHARJAH OFFICIALS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON HOW PRIVATE NIOC/SHARJAH TALKS (AFTER JAFAR HAD MADE HIS PRESENTATION) WENT. JAFAR SHOULD HAVE SOME FEEDBACK ON THIS BY NOW. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS NIOC MAY HAVE MADE TO SHARJAH DELEGATION, AS THESE MAY OFFER CLUES AS TO HOW NIOC EXPECTS TO HANDLE OFFSHORE JOINT VENTURES HERE. NIOC IS EXPECTED TO DEMAND RENEGOTIATION

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OF ITS JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS AFTER UPCOMING IRANIAN HOLIDAYS.

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